

Friday, March 21, 2014

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice (Board)

Location: Spring Grove Hospital Center
55 Wade Avenue – Bland Bryant Building, 4th Floor
Conference Room

Chairperson: Dr. Christine Moghimi, ScD., MAS, OTR/L

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Christine Moghimi, ScD., MAS, OTR/L, Chairperson
Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, CAPS, FAOTA
Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member
A. Cassaundra Brown, Consumer Member

NON-BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Ashman, Executive Director
Grant Gerber, Board Counsel
Marilyn Pinkney, Licensing Coordinator

1. Dr. Moghimi called the General Session Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Dr. Moghimi read the following statement: Except in instances when the Board of Occupational Therapy expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation in otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public meeting an open session may participate in the session.

2. Ms. Stevenson motioned to amend the General Session agenda – March 21, 2014. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Mr. Kshepakaran motioned to approve the General Session minutes – January 14, 2014. Ms. Stevenson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

REPORTS

- 1a. Mr. Gerber will provide an update at the next Board meeting that will include the Board's updated retention schedule.
- 1b. Mr. Gerber stated that the Board is looking at a better process for communicating in between meetings relative to items that require signatures. Mr. Kshepakaran motioned to implement an on-line electronic signature service. Ms. Stevenson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

- 1c. Mr. Gerber reported that the Department is still updating a draft of the PIA Policy. Mr. Gerber stated when the Department policy is issued the Board will receive a copy.
- 1d. In response to an inquiry from NBCOT, Mr. Gerber indicated that the legal action termed "Adjudicated Withheld" is not a term used in the Maryland judicial system. The Maryland term that is most similar would be probation before judgment. If a licensee's record from another state included the term "adjudicated withheld," the Maryland Board would request additional information.
- 1e. Mr. Gerber shared with the Board information from a conference that he recently attended regarding healthcare regulation and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).
2. Ms. Ashman reported that the legislative session is on-going. She shared some of the healthcare related proposals.
3. Mr. Kshepakaran stated that he received an unusually large quantity of continuing education submissions for review. All of the programs are self paced study programs. Ms. Hughes stated that she also received many of the self paced programs to review. The subject matter of the programs is relevant to the practice of occupational therapy and the courses were approved.
4. Ms. Ashman provided correspondence #1 for Board review. The Board had discussion and gave Ms. Ashman direction to prepare a response to the inquiry.
- 4a. Ms. Ashman provided correspondence #2 for Board review. The Board had discussion. Ms. Ashman will forward a draft response to Dr. Moghimi before the response is distributed.
- 4b. Ms. Ashman provided correspondence #3 for Board review. The Board had discussion. Ms. Ashman will prepare a response to the inquiry.
- 4c. Ms. Ashman provided correspondence #4 for Board review. The Board had discussion. Dr. Moghimi will provide a response to the inquiry.
- 4d. Ms. Ashman informed the Board that the Spring Grove Hospital Center (SGHC) is updating its lease agreement with the Board. Ms. Ashman stated that she will share the revised information with Mr. Gerber for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ms. Ashman informed the Board members of the registration process and deadline for the upcoming AOTA Conference. She stated that the registration fee and direct expenses can be included on their expense reports for reimbursement. Ms. Ashman shared with the Board that she obtained a Proclamation from the Governor of Maryland to present to the AOTA Conference organizers.
2. The Board had discussion as to whether or not a workshop should be planned this year for Board members to work on strategic planning and items that need more time to develop than is available during a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Board agreed to host a workshop in the Fall of 2014. The location will be determined at a later date.
3. Ms. Adams deferred the ratification of new licensees until the conclusion of the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Ashman summarized the meeting held with legislators, and representatives from MOTA. The Board had discussion. Ms. Ashman shared a draft of a survey that was proposed to be included with the upcoming on-line license renewal process. The Board members agreed to provide their input via email to Ms. Ashman. Ms. Ashman informed the Board that the MOTA representatives were scheduled to make a presentation at today's meeting, but requested to reschedule to the April meeting.

2. Ms. Ashman stated that the South Dakota Regulatory Board verifications would now be distributed exclusively via electronic format. The Board had discussion. Ms. Hughes proposed that The Board continue to pursue technology that automates Board operations.
3. Ms. Hughes summarized a presentation she made for occupational therapy students at CCBC. It was well received and may lead to future presentations. Ms. Brown volunteered to attend a future presentation when it is scheduled. Ms. Hughes suggested looking into a web application to reach licensees in more remote areas.
4. Ms. Adams motioned to ratify the March applicants: 26 occupational therapists and 8 occupational therapy assistants for grand total of 34. Ms. Hughes motioned to approve the applications for licensure. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Amanda Shirley	Occupational Therapist
Larisa Masiarova	Occupational Therapist
Shira Nissel	Occupational Therapist
Mukta Sharma	Occupational Therapist
Malka Sonnenblick	Occupational Therapist
Madelyn Fisher	Occupational Therapist
Sharon Faircloth	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Keonig	Occupational Therapist
Michelle Boucher	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Schwarzschild	Occupational Therapist
Charmain Lavender	Occupational Therapist
Erin Brittain	Occupational Therapist
Tiffany Cover	Occupational Therapist
Rachel Friedman (Reinstatement)	Occupational Therapist
Erica Rowley	Occupational Therapist
Brendan Russell	Occupational Therapist
Paula Spalding	Occupational Therapist
Brooke Westmoreland	Occupational Therapist
Neeraj Kumar	Occupational Therapist
Sena Dogbe – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapist

Christine Marie C. Buzon	Occupational Therapist
Shivani Bharti	Occupational Therapist
Trapti Agarwal	Occupational Therapist
Melanie Manuel	Occupational Therapist
Persis Appeyagi	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer McNamara	Occupational Therapist
Total OT's 26	
Chana Fried – Reinstatement	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kelsea Corrado	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kate Buchanan	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Gilou Cledanor	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jenna Green	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Taylo Weschler	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Janaye Mack	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Jillian Shanholtz	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Total OTA's 8	Occupational Therapy Assistant

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Dr. Moghimi adjourned the General Session meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Pinkney
Licensing Coordinator